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**DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

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I, a below named inventor, hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that I verily believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor if only one inventor is listed below, or a joint inventor if plural inventors are named below, of the invention entitled:

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**MATERIAL HEAT TREATMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD**

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described and claimed in the specification which:

is attached hereto, or

was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as:

Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, or

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(as Application No. not yet known) and was amended on

\_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable);

this application discloses and claims subject matter disclosed in earlier filed Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §120 of said prior United States application(s);

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, including the claims; that I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56 and my duty to disclose information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56;

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Claimed

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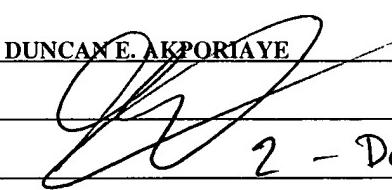
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